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WE CLAIM:

1 1. A support device for use in building and
2 maintenance of a roof having a sloping plane, for use
3 with a roof ladder having rungs, said support device
4 comprising a support member connected to a base by means
5 of a joint, at least one support arm extending between
6 said support member and said base at a location remote
7 from said joint, and a rung-engaging element carried by
8 said base and extending in a direction away from said
9 support member to engage said rungs of said roof ladder,
10 whereby in use said support member has a support surface
11 lying in a generally horizontal plane while said base
12 lies generally adjacent and parallel to said plane of
13 said roof, wherein said rung-engaging element is located
14 along one edge of said base and comprises a plurality of
15 spaced cut-outs each so shaped to engage a rung of a roof
16 ladder, and further comprising an elongate roof-engaging
17 leg, located along an edge of said base opposite to said
18 rung-engaging element.

1 2. The support device of claim 1, which is
2 collapsible and in which said at least one support arm is
3 hinged to said support member and is releasably
4 engageable with said base.

1 3. The support device of claim 1, wherein said at
2 least one support arm has an adjustable length.

1 4. The support device of claim 3, wherein said

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support member incorporates a level-indicating device.

5. The support device of claim 1, wherein said base is of generally planar configuration.

6. The support device of claim 1, wherein said support member is of generally planar configuration.

7. The support device of claim 1, wherein said support member is jointed to said base about a joint axis which lies adjacent one edge of said base.

8. The support device of claim 1, wherein said support member is jointed to said base about a joint axis which lies adjacent one edge of said support member.

9. The support device of claim 1, wherein said base is integral with said rung-engaging element and is formed by folding a blank having said plurality of spaced cut-outs preformed therein.

10. The combination of the support device of claim 1 and a roof ladder, said rung-engaging element engaging said rungs of said roof ladder, whereby in use, when said roof ladder is located on a sloping roof, said support member has a support surface lying in a generally horizontal plane while said base lies generally adjacent and parallel to said plane of said roof.